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WOKINGHAM MUNICIPAL BOROUGH
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Staff:

Medical Officer of Health:
C. S. PITT, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., D.P.H., D.T.M.&H., L.D.S.R.C.S.

Secretary to Medical Officer of Health: Miss M. Hall.

WOKINGHAM MUNICIPAL BOROUGH

Public Health Inspector:	J. B. Bowden	Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute as Sanitary Inspector. Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute as Inspector of Meat and other Foods.
Assistant to Public Health Inspector:	Miss A. E. Barker	Intermediate Diploma, Public Health Inspectors Course.
Part-time Rodent Operator:	D. Hambleton	

WOKINGHAM RURAL DISTRICT

Chief Public Health Inspector:	D. Evans	Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute as Sanitary Inspector. Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute as Inspector of Meat and Other Foods.
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	E. Huntington	Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute as Sanitary Inspector.
	D. T. Lewis	Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute as Sanitary Inspector.
Clerks:	V. E. Utley Mrs. B. Coleman	
Rodent Control Officer:	J. Carr	
Rodent Operators:	A. Tocock A. J. B. Wicks	

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE WOKINGHAM BOROUGH AND WOKINGHAM RURAL DISTRICT JOINT PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Mr. Chairman, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is regretted that submission of this Annual Report for 1962 has been delayed by the untimely death of Dr. C. S. Pitt, Medical Officer of Health to the Joint Public Health Committee.

It would not be out of place to pay tribute here to the work of Dr. Pitt during his short tenure of office. His boundless energy and enthusiasm for his work had already made their mark, and made a very real contribution towards the improvement of public health in the Borough and District. His loss was greatly felt by all who came in contact with him and particularly by the members of his staff.

It is not possible to comment at length on the subject matter of this report, but a few general observations can be made.

POPULATION INCREASE.

The population of the combined district is still increasing rapidly. In 1962 the estimated population was 68,210, that is an increase of 4,410 over the previous year. Of these, the natural increase came to 713, whilst the balance represents the migration of new families into the area.

VITAL STATISTICS.

The vital statistics for the combined Districts continue to be satisfactory, and compare very favourably with the figures for England and Wales as a whole.

In 1962 there were 1,423 live births (20.8 per thousand population). Deaths from all causes totalled 710, (10.4 per thousand population). There is thus a slight increase in the birth rate over the previous year.

There were 28 infant deaths, representing an infant mortality rate of 19.7 per thousand live births. This figure remains well below the average for the country as a whole.

Still births numbered 20, giving a still birth rate of 14.05 per thousand live births, again a very favourable figure compared with England and Wales as a whole. There were no maternal deaths.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

TUBERCULOSIS.

Twenty-two cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during the year. This shows a slight increase over the figure for 1961, but is probably due to better diagnostic facilities. There were three deaths due to this disease.

MEASLES.

The outbreak of measles which began in 1961, continued into 1962 and a total of 381 cases were notified, compared with 940 in the previous year. The greater decrease was in the rural areas, where notified cases numbered 187, compared with 790 in 1961.

POLIOMYELITIS AND DIPHTHERIA.

No cases of either poliomyelitis or diphtheria were notified during the year. The numbers of children and adults who received injections against poliomyelitis show a decline compared with previous years, probably due to the considerable number of persons already protected. The use of oral vaccine was introduced during the year and has now taken the place of injections.

DYSENTERY.

Twenty-nine cases were notified during the year. This disease is still endemic in the district, but the number of persons suffering from dysentery shows a welcome decrease.

CANCER OF THE LUNG AND BRONCHUS.

Twenty-three deaths from cancer of the lung and bronchus occurring in the combined area were recorded during the year. These represent 3.24 of the total number of deaths from all causes, which is better than the national average for England and Wales, but shows no signs of declining.

Finally, I am quite sure that Dr. Pitt would have liked me to express his appreciation of the help and encouragement he received from the Chairman and Members of the Committee during 1962.

Also, on his behalf, I would like to thank the staff of both Public Health Departments, and in particular the Chief Public Health Inspector of the Rural District and the Public Health Inspector of the Borough, for their unfailing support and assistance during the year 1962.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

I. W. MacKichan,
Medical Officer of Health.

Council Offices,
Shute End,
Wokingham,
Berkshire.

Wokingham Municipal Borough

STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	3,404
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at 31st March, 1963	4,043
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1963	£693,100
Product of a Penny Rate	£2,810
Population (estimated) mid-year	12,260

Live Births:

	M.	F.	Total
Legitimate	112	104	216
Illegitimate	6	9	15
Total	118	113	231

Live Birth Rate (actual) (per 1,000 population)	18.8
Live Birth Rate (corrected) (per 1,000 population) ...	18.4
Illegitimate Live Births per cent. of total live births ...	6.5

Still Births:

M.	F.	Total
1	3	4

Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 live and still births)	17.0
Total live and still births	235

Infant Deaths:

	M.	F.	Total
Legitimate	1	2	3
Illegitimate	1	–	1
Total	2	2	4

Infant Death Rate (per 1,000 live births):

Legitimate	13.9
Illegitimate	66.7
Total	17.3
Neo-natal Death Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births)	4.3
Early Neo-natal Death Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 live births)	4.3
Perinatal Death Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 live and still births)	21.3
Maternal Deaths	Nil
Maternal Death Rate (per 1,000 live and still births) ...	Nil

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Deaths (All causes):

	M.	F.	Total
	100	103	203

Death Rate (actual) (per 1,000 population)	16.5
Death Rate (corrected) (per 1,000 population)	10.6

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (Other than Tuberculosis).

Acute Poliomyelitis:	
(a) Paralytic	0
(b) Non-paralytic	0
Diphtheria	0
Dysentery	4
Erysipelas	0
Food Poisoning	0
Measles	194
Meningococcal Infection	0
Paratyphoid Fever	0
Pneumonia	3
Puerperal Pyrexia	5
Scarlet Fever	21
Smallpox	0
Typhoid Fever	0
Whooping Cough	5

NOTIFICATIONS OF TUBERCULOSIS.

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 5 years	–	–	–	–
5–14 years	–	–	–	–
15–24 ,, ...	–	1	–	–
25–44 ,, ...	–	–	–	–
45–64 ,, ...	1	–	1	–
65 and over	–	–	–	–
Totals	1	1	1	–

DEATH RATES (Per 1,000 population).

Tuberculosis:	
(a) Respiratory	0.08
(b) Other Forms	0.00
(c) All Forms	0.08
Typhoid Fever	0.00
Paratyphoid Fever	0.00
Whooping Cough	0.00
Diphtheria	0.00
Influenza	0.00
Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	0.00
Pneumonia	1.46
Measles	0.00

IMMUNISATION.

The number of children who were immunised against Diphtheria and Whooping Cough during the year is as follows:—

DIPHTHERIA:

Primary injections	182
Re-inforcing injections	98

WHOOPING COUGH:

Primary injections	127
Re-inforcing injections	47

The number of children and adults who were vaccinated against Smallpox is as follows:—

Primary vaccinations	598
Re-vaccinations	796

The following children and adults were vaccinated against poliomyelitis during 1962:—

	1st and 2nd	Third		Fourth	
	Injections	Injection	Oral	Injection	Oral
6 mths.—15 yrs.	98	129	108	–	–
16—28 years	28	46	25	–	–
29—41 years	46	132	85	–	–
42 and over	6	8	–	–	–
Children 5—12 years	–	–	–	34	383

In addition to the above, a completed course consisting of three oral doses of the sabin vaccine was given to 91 children in the six months to 15 years age-group, 13 in the 16 to 28 years age-group, and to 24 in the 29 to 41 years age-group.

CAUSES OF DEATH IN WOKINGHAM BOROUGH, 1962

Causes of Death	Male	Female
All Causes	100	103
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory ...	1	–
2. Tuberculosis, other	–	–
3. Syphilitic disease	–	1
4. Diphtheria	–	–
5. Whooping Cough	–	–
6. Meningococcal infections	–	–
7. Acute poliomyelitis	–	–
8. Measles	–	–
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	–	–
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach ...	1	–
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	2	–
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	–	3
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	–	–
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	11	8
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	1
16. Diabetes	–	–
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	15	32
18. Coronary disease, angina	26	11
19. Hypertension with heart disease ...	–	4
20. Other heart disease	7	9
21. Other circulatory disease	4	5
12. Influenza	–	–
23. Pneumonia	6	12
24. Bronchitis	6	2
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	1	2
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	–	1
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ...	–	–
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	1	2
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	1	–
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ...	–	–
31. Congenital malformations	1	1
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	8	6
33. Motor vehicle accidents	4	1
34. All other accidents	4	1
35. Suicide	–	1
36. Homicide and operations of war ...	–	–

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REPORT OF THE BOROUGH SURVEYOR.

As was noticed in my last report, the national emigration to south east England has been felt in Wokingham, and there were planning applications in respect of 514 dwellings and 274 dwellings were erected by private enterprise, the new residents being in the main commuters from Reading, Bracknell and further afield.

The effect of this development is making itself felt in the activities of the Council and to assist them in assessing the needs of the area, a firm of consultants was engaged and presented a report on the needs of the Council; the report was accepted by the Council and is now in process of implementation.

Another important event was the institution by the County Council of a central area re-development section of the County Planning Department, and plans for proposals for the replanning and orderly development of the central area of Wokingham are now in an advanced stage of preparation and will be considered by the Council in the Autumn of 1963.

An important factor brought to light by the Organisation and Methods Investigation was the need for the Council to modernise and mechanise its outside activities; it had become evident with the declining labour force the area could not be properly maintained under existing arrangements, consequently the Refuse Collection service is being augmented with an additional freighter and Highway maintenance with mechanical aids, and more supervisory staff.

The population trend has made itself felt in all the Council administered services.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The commencement of the new works was visualised as being commenced during the year, but negotiations and enquiries with the plant manufacturers and the Ministry were prolonged; it is confidently hoped to commence during late 1963 or early 1964. The need for the enlarged works became more apparent during this year as in times of heavy rain flooding of highways and a factory occurred. The Council has alleviated this problem by making the sewers more serviceable by descaling and providing temporary overflows on to isolated land.

PARKS AND PLEASURE GROUNDS.

Further sections of the proposed Riverside Walk came under Council Control, and it should be possible in the not too distant future to make it useable and accessible to the public, which will be a decided addition to the amenities of the Town.

HIGHWAYS.

Modernisation of unmade roads is now in the forefront of the Council's programme, and work is proceeding on three roads. Schemes are to be prepared for further road improvements including the removal of bends on Classified Roads. A further car park for 30/40 cars is being provided. The severe winter threw an invidious burden on the Council, some £6,500 being spent on clearance of snow and dealing with icy roads.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

A new public convenience was planned to serve the Town Centre and Denmark Street car park; this will be built during 1963.

Plans have been approved by the Ministry for the first stage of the Civic Centre, the Municipal Office block and this will commence in 1963. To accommodate the staff the Council adopted a disused factory building to house the Surveyor's staff.

HOUSING.

The "Package" deal successfully launched in 1961 made excellent progress during the year 112 houses out of 240 being erected and it is hoped to complete during 1963, included in this scheme are 40 houses for purchase by persons living in Council houses or on the Council's waiting list. In addition 11 acres for sale to individual persons is now in course of development.

It will be seen from the above resumé the Borough is very actively engaged in playing its part in the ever increasing development of the Home Counties, and will undoubtedly continue to do so in the future.

E. F. PRESSEY,

Borough Surveyor.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

WATER SUPPLY.

Number of Inspections	21
Number of water samples taken from wells	3
Number of samples from Martins Swimming Pool	24
Number of samples from Private Swimming Pools	-
Number of existing premises connected to main water supply	-

One complaint was received regarding the adverse effect of the domestic water supply on aluminium ware. A sample taken from the house supply showed that the slight deposit complained of was temporary and was from new copper piping in the house and not considered a health hazard.

4,287 dwelling houses are supplied with water direct from the mains, 3 supplied from wells are likely to be dealt with under the Council's Slum Clearance Programme and 1 a new house is likely to be reliant on a well for some years.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Number of samples of trade effluent taken	6
Number of samples of sewage effluent taken	4

One sample of sewage effluent gave an unsatisfactory result. A follow up sample gave a satisfactory result and the conclusion reached was that a trade premises had discharged a strong sewage in quantity just prior to sampling. Investigations into the activities of trade premises during the latter part of the year was increased and as a result four trade effluent agreements are being considered. Increasing difficulties have been found by the Borough Surveyor in maintaining certain lengths of sewers due to the activities of agricultural premises and added drainage from new and existing premises. Greater activity in the fields of drainage is envisaged in the coming year.

The unsatisfactory result referred to was from the Small Bucks Copse Works and is given below. It will be noted that the B.O.D. and the solids are slightly above the Royal Commission Standard.

Ammoniacal nitrogen	5.0
Albuminoid nitrogen	1.3
Nitrogen from nitrites	0.6
Nitrogen from nitrates	10.0
Permanganate value:	
(3 minutes)	4.8
(4 hours)	14.8
Biochemical oxygen demand:	
(5 days at 20 degrees C.)	20.7
Total solids	800

Solids in suspension	44
Total volatile on ignition	44
Combined Chlorine	150
Reaction (pH value)	7.3

SANITARY CONDITIONS.

NOTICES.

No. of informal notices served during the year	23
No. of informal notices complied with during the year ...	18
No. of formal notices served during the year	10
No. of formal notices complied with during the year ...	10
Legal proceedings	–
Work done by Local Authority in default	-

COMPLAINTS.

No. received during the year	36

HOUSING.

During the year 173 units of housing were provided by the Council and these together with vacancies in existing houses allowed for 226 lettings. 41 families from houses subject to closing or demolition orders were included in these figures, leaving 10 houses subject to closing or demolition orders occupied at the end of the year. 17 older type Council houses were improved and extensively repaired during the year and progress on improvement grants to privately owned property is shown in the table below. 5 of the private houses improved and repaired during the year were cases where closing orders were withdrawn and at the end of the year work was in progress on six other such houses without the aid of improvement grants.

HOUSING.

	Applications Received			Applications Approved		
	Conversion	Improvement	Standard	Conversion	Improvement	Standard
January	–	6	1	–	1	–
February	–	2	–	–	2	1
March	–	4	1	–	–	–
April	–	5	1	–	5	1
May	2	–	–	2	–	–
June	–	5	–	–	4	–
July	–	3	–	–	2	–
August	–	2	–	–	3	–
September	–	3	–	–	3	–
October	–	3	1	–	1	1
November	–	1	–	–	1	–
December	1	2	1	–	–	–
	3	36	5	2	22	3

27 Improvement Schemes were completed during the year, providing 28 modernised units of accommodation.

Council house maintenance, which was again dealt with by the department, resulted in the issuing to local builders 897 orders for various small items of repair. 450 visits were made to council houses in connection with these repairs and other estate management matters.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

The number of moveable dwellings in the district during the year was 15 on individual sites and 6 on one small site; 25 inspections were carried out during the year and no unsatisfactory conditions were found. Three unauthorised caravans were removed by informal action.

FOOD INSPECTION.

Six cases of unsound food being sold were reported to the Council. In two cases the Council agreed to warn the vendors and steps were taken to ensure that the occurrences which were not of a serious nature did not occur again. In the other four cases which the Council considered, legal proceedings were instituted but withdrawn in view of difficulties arising from delay. Whilst it was felt that proceedings would have been justified it was thought that the matters in question had been given a sufficient airing and to have taken the final step would not have served a useful public health service.

Request visits to examine doubtful stocks resulted in certificates of surrender being issued and the foods in question were disposed of in the Council's refuse tip.

FOOD INSPECTION.

No. request visits	24
No. of certificates issued	20
Fresh meat	46 lbs.
Tinned fruit	10 tins
Offal	5 lbs.
Tinned meats	28 tins
Fish	4 stone

FOOD PREMISES.

Number of Food Premises by type of business at the end of the year:—

General Grocers and Provision Dealers	40
Greengrocers and Fruit	7
Fishmongers	2
Butchers' Shops	8
Bakers and Confectioners	8
Fried Fish Shops	2
Licensed Premises, Clubs, Restaurants, Cafes, Snack Bars, etc	31
Off Licences	5

The following table shows the details for which it was necessary to serve informal notices during the year:—

Want of cleanliness	2
Supply of hot water	1
Soap and towels	4
Decorating	4
Structural Defects	–
Bins	11
Miscellaneous	1

Two complaints were received during the year on the standard of hygiene in Food Premises. One referred to the non-use of a scoop provided for minced meat. This was soon remedied. The second concerned the use of wet fingers for turning up wrapping paper. A habit which a few traders find difficult to stop.

MILK AND DAIRIES.

All milk in the Borough was sold under special designations.

The following table gives details of samples of milk sent for examination to the Public Health Laboratory:—

	Number of Samples	Number Satisfactory
Methylene Blue	8	8
Phosphatase Test	8	8
Turbidity	1	1

All samples gave satisfactory results.

Number of registered distributors operating from:—

(a) Dairies in the district	1
(b) Shops in the district other than dairies	4
(c) Premises outside the district	2

THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOOD) ORDER, 1957.

Number of persons holding licences under the Diseases of Animals (Waste Food) Order, 1957	5
Number of persons holding provisional licences	3

Of the five licence holders, one has installed new plant of improved design, one completed new works but has discontinued boiling and a third completed works to a new boiling enclosure and boiler house. The two other licence holders have carried out minor alterations effecting improvements.

There are in fact two waste boilers who operate on any scale each feeding 200–300 pigs. In one case the farm is not near dwellinghouse development, but the second case is close to the "Laing" new estate in Wokingham, and in recent months complaints have been received of alleged nuisance from smell. In

the main, the smell arises from the depositing of warm waste on cold concrete sty floors and is not associated with the boiling as such as this is carried out in sealed tanks.

Number of persons holding licences under the Diseases of Animals (Licensing of Waste Food Sterilisation Plant) Order, 1954	1
Number of inspections carried out under the Orders ...	21
Number of infringements found and remedied	4

In all four cases the infringements have been carelessness in waste storage before and after boiling. This mainly arises because of the variation in supply to the farmers of waste. At times they receive more than their proper storage can receive and bins are left outside the confines of the plant. More frequent visits would seem to be the answer as they are prompt to move the bins immediately I enter the farm entrance prior to inspecting the premises and plant.

SHOPS ACT 1952.

No complaints were received during the year either on closing hours or shop amenities. There has been an increasing tendency for greater utilisation of shop space for business purposes at the expense of space for shop assistant comfort and general amenity. Shops are tending to increase stocks far in excess of their stock space, and encroach into corridors, passages, and on staircases. The inability to expand their premises due to the proximity of other premises and the general increase in overheads together with building costs seem to be the reason for this unsatisfactory position.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Twenty visits were paid in connection with infectious disease and disinfection carried out in two cases.

DISINFESTATIONS.

Ten visits were made to verminous houses and disinfestation work carried out at five premises.

RODENT CONTROL.

The part time rodent operator has continued to carry out his duties with the aid of the light transport provided by the Council.

The work carried out by the operator:—

Total properties inspected in the course of survey ...	612
Number of properties found infested (Rats)	96
Number of properties found infested (Mice)	56
Number of business properties treated	84
Number of dwellings treated	68

In addition rodent control work was also carried out incidental to other activities of the department.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

There are no offensive trades established within the Borough.

KNACKERS' YARD.

The Knackers' yard in Molly Millars Lane has operated satisfactorily during the year. One case of anthrax was dealt with and disposed of on the premises in accordance with procedures laid down under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

Martins Swimming Pool owned by the Borough Council operated during the summer. Twenty four samples of water taken each gave a satisfactory result. Improvements to the pool included foot bath facilities and fencing work to prevent bathers walking directly from the gardens into the pool without first using the foot baths.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

The supervision of rivers and streams has continued and measures were taken as required to prevent their pollution.

SUMMARY.

Summary of Inspections:—

Meat Transport Vehicles	3
Bakehouses	4
Ice Cream Premises	8
Other Food Premises	62
Butchers' Shops	10
Dairies	1
Cafes and Restaurants	30
Knackers Yard	7
Shops	24
Public Health Inspections (Nuisances)	153
Re-inspections	141
Housing (Inspections and re-inspections)	65
Moveable dwellings	25
Water supplies	21
Drainage inspections	110
Rats and Mice	62
Cesspools	25
Public Conveniences	6
Martins Swimming Pool	24
Outworkers	-

Factories	68
Fried Fish Shops	2
Public Houses and places of Entertainment	14
Other Visits	64
Infectious Disease and Food Poisoning Visits	20
Number of Disinfections	2
Verminous Houses inspected	10
Number of Disinfestations	5
Council Houses	450

Nature of Nuisances dealt with during the year:

Defective and insufficient cesspools	3
Defective drains	48
Choked drains	48
Choked and foul W.C. pans	3
Defective flushing cisterns	3
Defective Soil and Ventilation Pipes	2
Defective Waste Pipes and Traps	4
Defective Gutters and Stackpipes	10
Defective Roofs	12
Defective Chimney Stacks	3
Damp Premises	30
Defective Floors	10
Defective Grates and Coppers	6
Defective Windows, Skylights and Doors	11
Defective Plaster (Walls and Ceilings)	2
Defective or Insufficient Refuse Receptacle	18
Offensive Accumulations	4
Defective Staircases	3
Miscellaneous	40

Sanitary Matters requiring attention:—

The unsatisfactory method of transferring domestic refuse from the dustbin to the collecting vehicle by means of open skips.

The provision of a caravan site to meet the need and to effect some control on caravan siting.

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ADMINISTRATION OF FACTORIES ACTS, 1961.

1. INSPECTIONS MADE BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS.

Premises. (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Number of Written Notices (4)	Number of Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	9	9	4	–
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	65	44	4	–
(iii) Other premises under the Act (excluding Outworkers' premises) ...	19	12	–	–
Total	93	65	8	–

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars. (1)	Number of Cases in which Defects were Found. Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Insp'tr. (4)	Referred By H.M. Insp'tr. (5)	Number of Cases in which Prosecutions were instituted. (6)
Want of cleanliness	4	4	–	–	–
Overcrowding	–	–	–	–	–
Unreasonable temperature	–	–	–	–	–
Inadequate ventilation ...	2	2	–	–	–
Ineffective drainage of floors	–	–	–	–	–
Sanitary Conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	–	–	–	–	–
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	3	–	–	–
(c) Not separate for sexes	–	–	–	–	–
Other offences (not including offences relating to Outwork)	–	–	–	–	–
Total	9	9	–	–	–

PART VIII of the ACT.

OUTWORK (Sections 133 and 134).

Nature of Work.	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of Out-Workers in Aug. List required by Sect. 133 (1) (c)	No. of Cases of Default in sending Lists to the Council.	No. of Prosecutions for Failure to Supply Lists.	No. of Instances of Work in Unwholesome Premises.	Notices Served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel: Making, etc.	–	–	–	–	–	–
Furniture and upholstery	–	–	–	–	–	–
TOTAL	–	–	–	–	–	–

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Wokingham Rural District

STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	37,794
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at 31st March, 1963	17,178
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1963	£2,414,705
Product of a Penny Rate	£10,400
Population (estimated mid-year)	55,950

Live Births:

	M.	F.	Total
Legitimate ...	569	589	1,158
Illegitimate ...	21	13	34
Total	590	602	1,192

Live Birth Rate (actual) (per 1,000 population)	21.3
Live Birth Rate (corrected) (per 1,000 population)	20.2
Illegitimate live births per cent. of total live births	2.8

Still Births:

M.	F.	Total
7	9	16

Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 live and still births)	13.2
Total Live and Still Births	1,208

Infant Deaths:

	M.	F.	Total
Legitimate ...	13	11	24
Illegitimate ...	–	–	–
Total	13	11	24

Infant Death Rate (per 1,000 live births):

Legitimate	20.7
Illegitimate	0.0
Total	20.1
Neo-natal Death Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births)	16.8
Early Neo-natal Death Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 live births)	12.6
Perinatal Death Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 live and still births)	25.7
Maternal Deaths	Nil
Maternal Death Rate (per 1,000 live and still births) ...	Nil

Deaths (All Causes):

	M.	F.	Total
	263	244	507

Death Rate (actual) (per 1,000 population)	9.1
Death Rate (corrected) (per 1,000 population)	11.4

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (Other than Tuberculosis).

Acute Poliomyelitis:	
(a) Paralytic	0
(b) Non-paralytic	0
Diphtheria	0
Dysentery	25
Erysipelas	1
Food Poisoning	1
Measles	187
Meningococcal Infection	1
Paratyphoid Fever	0
Pneumonia	10
Puerperal Pyrexia	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2
Scarlet Fever	18
Smallpox	0
Typhoid Fever	0
Whooping Cough	11

NOTIFICATION OF TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Groups	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 5 years	1	–	1	–
5–14 years	1	–	–	–
15–24 ,, ...	5	2	1	–
25–44 ,, ...	3	2	–	1
45–64 ,, ...	5	2	–	–
65 and over	–	1	–	–
Totals	15	7	2	1

DEATH RATES (Per 1,000 Population).

Tuberculosis:	
(a) Respiratory	0.04
(b) Other Forms	0.00
(c) All Forms	0.04
Typhoid Fever	0.00
Paratyphoid Fever	0.00
Whooping Cough	0.00
Diphtheria	0.00
Influenza	0.07
Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	0.00
Pneumonia	0.59
Measles	0.00

IMMUNISATION.

The number of children who were immunised against Diphtheria and Whooping Cough during the year is as follows:—

Diphtheria:

Primary injections	836
Re-inforcing injections	276

Whooping Cough:

Primary injections	742
Re-inforcing injections	163

The number of children and adults who were vaccinated against Smallpox is as follows:—

Primary vaccinations	2,478
Re-vaccinations	3,020

The following children and adults were vaccinated against poliomyelitis during 1962:—

	1st & 2nd injections	Third		Fourth	
		Injection.	Oral	Injection.	Oral
6 months—15 years	540	595	396	–	–
16–28 years	80	181	80	–	–
29–41 years	149	540	216	–	–
42 and over	4	22	2	–	–
Children 5–12 years	–	–	–	214	700

In addition to the above, a completed course consisting of three oral doses of the sabin vaccine was given to 282 children in the six months to 15 years age-group, 30 in the 16 to 28 years age-group, and to 53 in the 29 to 41 years age-group.

CAUSES OF DEATH IN WOKINGHAM RURAL DISTRICT, 1962.

Causes of Death.	Male	Female
All Causes	263	244
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	–
2. Tuberculosis, other	–	–
3. Syphilitic disease	1	–
4. Diphtheria	–	–
5. Whooping Cough	–	–
6. Meningococcal infections	–	–
7. Acute poliomyelitis	–	–
8. Measles	–	–
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	1
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	10	5
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	17	4
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	–	10
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	–	4
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	25	17
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	–
16. Diabetes	–	4
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system ...	28	43
18. Coronary disease, angina	57	23
19. Hypertension with heart disease ...	3	4
20. Other heart disease	18	32
21. Other circulatory diseases	11	17
22. Influenza	2	2
23. Pneumonia	20	13
24. Bronchitis	15	8
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	1	1
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ...	3	1
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ...	–	2
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	1	2
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	1	–
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ...	–	–
31. Congenital malformations	5	8
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	29	29
33. Motor vehicle accidents	6	4
34. All other accidents	6	4
35. Suicide	–	3
36. Homicide and operations of war ...	–	–

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The foul drainage scheme for the Merryhill Green Area of the Parish of Winnersh, delayed through the financial failure of the original Contractors, was completed in January.

The laying of sewers at Three Mile Cross, School Green and Church Lane in the Parish of Shinfield which commenced in September 1961, proceeded steadily during the year and was completed in November.

In December tenders were received for the construction of the next and final stage of the Shinfield Sewerage Scheme. This comprises the provision of sewers in Hyde End Road, Spencers Wood, (including that part which lies within the Parish of Swallowfield), Ryeish Green and Great Lea. Construction should commence early in 1963.

Re-construction of Marsh Farm Sewage Disposal Works referred to last year has also progressed through the period now under report. Various delays have occurred however and it is unlikely that the contract will now be completed until the summer of next year. Various units of the new works, notably the humus tanks and sludge drying beds have been brought into operation. The difficulties of operation and maintaining satisfactory effluent however have not been appreciably lessened.

The scheme for augmentation of foul sewers to deal with the present and future development of Woodley, approved last year, has been delayed. Reports of the probable abandonment of Woodley Airfield and the use of the land for residential purposes necessitated a re-assessment of probable future sewage flows. At the close of the year this was under active consideration with a view to seeking the approval of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government to enlarged pipe sizes and an increase in capacity of the proposed new pumping station at Loddon Bridge.

The construction of sewers in West Drive, Parish of Woodley & Sandford and Old Bath Road, Sonning, commenced on 29th August and will be completed early in the new year.

Steady progress was made during the year on preparatory work for the scheme of sewerage and sewage disposal for parts of the Parishes of Barkham, Finchampstead and Wokingham Without. Gauging of flows at the existing disposal works serving the R.E.M.E. Depot at Arborfield (which are to be superseded by the scheme) took place in March and April. Detailed design of the new proposed purification plant could then be commenced and this is nearly completed. Assuming that Ministry approval to this part of the scheme will be forthcoming it is hoped that construction of the works can be commenced early in 1964.

The steady development of Twyford and the proposals for a considerable increase in population in that village together with increased building in Wargrave have necessitated the review of the sewage disposal works at Wargrave which serves both Parishes. The Council's Consulting Engineers have been instructed to prepare an outline scheme for the enlargement of the plant for submission to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

A number of sewer extensions have been carried out by building developers towards the cost of which the Council have undertaken to pay contributions under the provisions of Section 19 of the Public Health Act, 1936. These have included lengths at—

Mole Road, Sindlesham—Parish of Winnersh;
Colemansmoor Road, Woodley;
Basingstoke Road, Riseley—Parish of Swallowfield.

Sections 17 and 18 of the Act have also been used extensively to allow new and proposed sewers on housing development to become vested in the Council.

TRADE EFFLUENTS.

The operation of the Public Health Act, 1961 has necessitated a review of existing trade effluent discharges.

There were in operation four consents issued under the provisions of Section 2 of the Public Health (Drainage of Trade Premises) Act, 1937 and after consideration no change has been made in these at present.

An existing agreement negotiated under Section 7 of the 1937 Act has now been replaced by a Conditional Consent.

By virtue of Section 63 of the 1961 Act consents have also been issued in respect of three farm premises which were formerly discharging to the public sewers. In one such case the owners of the premises have decided to make their own arrangements for disposal of waste matters and the discharge to the sewer will cease.

SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE.

Construction of the first part of the scheme for draining the Merryhill Green Area of Winnersh Parish including surface water sewers at Grovelands Avenue, Watmore Lane (Part) and the eastern end of Danywern Drive, commenced in October and was nearly completed at the end of the year.

A scheme for improvements to and partly piping in the Galley Ditch at Wargrave was submitted to and accepted by the Council in September and subsequently approved by the County Council.

Proposals for providing surface water sewers from the River Loddon through Coppice Estate and continuing under the Railway past Henley Wood Road and approximately parallel to Wokingham Road to Maiden Erlegh Drive serving parts of the Parishes of Earley and Woodley & Sandford has received approval of the Rural District Council, the Berkshire County Council and the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. It is intended to construct the lower part of this scheme as a first stage and to lay the pipes in conjunction with the foul sewers included in the Woodley Augmentation Scheme. It is hoped that construction will commence next year.

A short length of surface water sewer has been laid from Pinewood Avenue to Circle Hill Road in the Parish of Wokingham Without by a private developer, the local authorities contributing towards the cost.

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Chief Engineer.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

WET SCAVENGING.

(a) COLLECTION.

The year again was difficult with the demand upon the services exceeding the capabilities of the vehicles. As much overtime as possible was worked during the year and towards the end of the year the position was improving slightly. The use of two new, larger vehicles, of 1,500 gallon capacity, to some extent offset the loss of efficiency of the older vehicles of 1,100 gallon capacity, two of which were over ten years old at the year end. The following is the result of the year's work compared with that of the previous year:—

	1961	1962
No. of vehicle hours worked ...	11,198	11,298
No. of miles travelled	81,296	83,873
No. of gallons of fuel used ...	7,701	7,850
No. of tanks emptied	11,134	10,508
Length of hose used (feet) ...	957,290	986,050
No. of gallons sewage disposed of	13,507,425	12,516,625

There is a shift of effort in wet scavenging to the more rural part of the area where unsewered development is now taking place, whilst the congested urban areas are becoming sewered. The average length of haul has therefore increased from 7.39 miles to 7.98 miles. Another noticeable feature is that the average length of hose to be laid in order to empty each property is also increasing.

(b) DISPOSAL.

The following table shows the amount of cesspool sewage disposed of at the various sites, compared with the previous year:—

Site	1961	1962
Gipsy Lane	3,454,900	4,192,425
Colemans Moor	2,548,325	2,145,475
Farley Hill	462,000	513,925
Field Sites	1,487,625	1,563,700
Disposed of in sewers at:		
Wokingham Borough ...	2,108,325	1,913,875
King Street Lane, Winnersh	2,708,525	1,203,200
Loddon Drive, Woodley ...	747,725	984,625
	13,507,425	12,516,625

The table shows a reduction of almost 1 million gallons, most of which is accounted for in the reduction of the amount disposed

of at King Street Lane sewers. This stems from the fact that the area which is reasonably accessible to this site is now mainly sewered. The introduction of a cesspool tipping bay in the parish of Shinfield during the next year should relieve conditions at the Gipsy Lane site and allow more of this objectionable liquid to be put into sewers. In a district such as this, which has now developed a predominantly urban character, there is no doubt that the disposal of cesspool contents into sewers is the only really satisfactory method.

The site at Farley Hill is still used to some extent to serve properties in the locality of the Eversley Bridge area of Finchampstead. It has again been the source of complaints and it is intended to cease the use of this site when the tipping bay at Shinfield is in operation. In any case, the larger vehicles now in operation are getting into difficulties on the access road to the site.

Apart from a certain amount of farm sewage disposed of at Winnersh, the land here has been held in reserve, for use should the present arrangements with the Wokingham Borough Council to use their sewers cease.

MAIN DRAINAGE—SEWER CONNECTIONS.

The Winnersh main drainage scheme became available for use for 182 properties at the beginning of the year. In late July a start in the School Green area of Shinfield was made, and the sewer became available for 37 properties. In October sewerage was available in the Church Lane and Three Mile Cross areas of that sewer for another 207 houses. A considerable amount of time was devoted to this side of the public health work and at the end of the year the outstanding work was in the Three Mile Cross area, where delay resulted from adverse weather conditions at the end of the year.

Work by the Department is still proceeding in the Shinfield area in conjunction with the contractors, to decide the best position for the lateral drains in those areas where sewers are being laid.

No. of notices that sewer is available delivered to existing properties	481
No. of existing properties connected to public sewer ...	320

DRY SCAVENGING.

(a) COLLECTION.

The vehicles in service remain the same as in the previous year, that is, 4 Shelvoke and Drewry and 3 Karriers of 16/18 cubic yards two-way tipping vehicles and 1 Bedford Compressmore

of 12/20 cubic yards capacity. The spare vehicle, which is a Shelvoke and Drewry 20 cubic yard moving floor is now thirteen years old and is too unreliable to perform adequately the function of a spare vehicle.

Out of a total of 40 routes, 32 have a backdoor collection, whereby the dustman takes the bin from the rear of the property, empties it, and leaves the empty bin at or near the front gate. Approximately 1,000 new properties have been built during the year, which has further stressed the refuse collection services. The bonus system in operation, which allows for additional properties to be dealt with on excess payment, has enabled this increase to be accommodated with the minimum dislocation of service. During the year almost 1,300 cubic yards of refuse had to be collected by means of an open Bedford Tipper, which shows the inadequacy of the vehicle fleet. This amount is in excess of that which is collected in an open lorry which is employed to deal with those properties where the normal collection vehicle cannot gain access.

(b) DISPOSAL.

Disposal is by controlled tipping. For this operation one International Bulldozer, which can be used with the addition of a 4 cubic yard Sterling Scraper, one 1 cubic yard 4-wheel drive Wetherall Shovel and one 6 cubic yard Bedford Tipper Lorry are available. The following table shows the amount of refuse, measured in cubic yards, as carried by the lorries, which have been disposed of at the various sites during the past year compared with the previous year.

Site	1961	1962
Watmore Lane, Winnersh	98	–
Ham River Gravel Pits	76,710	66,047
Hyde End Road	15,485	36,079
	92,293	102,126

As may be seen from the above figures there is some shift towards the tipping in the Shinfield area as against Woodley. Every effort is being made to preserve the tipping space at Woodley in order to recover soil and sub-soil from the site for future use as covering. Negotiations were continued for the purchase of additional land at Woodley to the extent of about 40 acres. This is most urgently needed, as at December 1962 there remains but one year's tipping space at Woodley if the whole of the refuse from the Council's area were disposed of at that site. It is understood that this additional land is to be available on the 1st April, 1964.

It should be mentioned here that the plant enumerated above is also dealing with the whole of the refuse from Wokingham Borough under an agreement which has two more years to run. Scrap iron is the only item of salvage now disposed of, and the market for that appears to be rapidly drying up. During the year a total of 4 tons 11 cwt. was sold, resulting in an income of £37 16. 0.

SUMMARY OF SANITARY INSPECTIONS.

LISTS OF VISITS MADE.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT.	
Inspections	191
Re-inspections	408
Moveable Dwellings	438
Drainage	1,746
Verminous Houses Inspected	4
Disinfestations	18
Schools	56
Licensed Houses	38
Nursing Homes	5
Refuse Collection and Disposal	57
Swimming Pools	5
Pig Sties	17
Infectious Disease Visits	63
Infectious Disease Disinfections	2
WATER SUPPLY.	
Visits re Water Supply	17
Water Samples	4
HOUSING ACT.	
Inspections	15
Re-inspections	153
Over-crowding	2
RENT ACT.	
Inspections	3
Re-inspections	5
FOOD PREMISES.	
Dairies	11
Bakehouses	6
Bakers' and Confectioners Shops	12
Butchers' Shops	28
Canteens and Catering Establishments	189
Confectioners (Sweets)	11
Fried Fish Shops	7
Grocers and General Provision Shops	237
Hotels and licensed Premises	82
Stalls and other vehicles	89
Wet Fish Shops	12

DISEASES OF ANIMALS—WASTE FOOD ORDER.

No. of persons holding licences under:—	
(a) The Diseases of Animals (Waste Food) Order, 1957	7
(b) The Diseases of Animals (Licensing of Waste Food Sterilisation Plant) Order, 1954	11
Inspections	25

FACTORIES ACT.

With Mechanical Power	81
Without Mechanical Power	5
Outworkers	20

NOTICES.

No. of Informal notices served during the year	198
No. of Informal notices outstanding from 1961	3
No. of Informal notices complied with during the year ...	163
No. of Informal notices outstanding at end of year	14
No. of Formal notices served during the year	1
No. of Formal notices outstanding at end of year	Nil
Work carried out by Local Authority in default	Nil

HOUSING.

COUNCIL HOUSES — BUILDING PROGRESS.

Position at 31st December, 1962.

	Pre-1939	Built 1944	Completed Post-War	Under Construction	Approved	Total
Arborfield	38	2	42	–	–	82
Barkham	8	–	14	–	–	22
Earley	4	–	–	–	–	4
Finchampstead ...	25	–	42	–	–	67
Hurst	22	–	26	–	–	48
Remenham	–	–	8	–	–	8
Ruscombe	31	–	77	–	–	108
Shinfield	56	–	246	19	95	416
Sonning	34	–	16	–	–	50
Swallowfield ...	39	2	19	–	6	66
Twyford	36	–	124	–	–	160
Wargrave	46	–	115	–	–	161
Winnersh	18	–	41	–	–	59
Wokingham Without	15	2	73	–	–	90
Woodley	25	2	474	–	6	507
	397	8	1,317	19	107	1,848

HOUSING WAITING LIST.

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Parish	1961	1962
Arborfield and Newlands	19	27
Barkham	11	10
Earley	49	46
Finchampstead	22	29
Hurst	28	21
Remenham	10	8
Ruscombe	3	4
Shinfield	88	100
Sonning	15	18
Swallowfield	29	33
Twyford	44	44
Wargrave	42	42
Winnersh	40	44
Wokingham Without	61	71
Woodley	82	74
	543	571

HOUSING STATISTICS.

The Council's Surveyor, Mr. G. R. Tween, A.R.I.C.S., reports that:—

The number of deposited plans submitted for Town Planning and/or Byelaw consideration for the year 1962 is as follows:—

Outline application for housing development	302
Detailed plans for housing development	193
Detailed plans for alterations and additions to existing dwellings, for conversions, business premises, large garages and new accesses, etc.	313
Advertisement signs	24
Factory building	11
Local Authority development	17
Schools	19
Working of minerals	3
Development by statutory undertakers	2
Permitted development re small alterations to existing dwellings, new drainage systems and small garages (Byelaws only)	690
Overhead electricity lines	17
	1596

(1961 Total: 1568).

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The number of private houses completed in 1962 and under construction on the 31st December, 1962 is as follows:—

Parish	Completed	Under Construction
Arborfield	2	–
Barkham	3	2
Earley	125	18
Finchampstead	30	8
Hurst	14	6
Remenham	4	–
Ruscombe	26	16
Shinfield	38	16
Sonning	–	–
Swallowfield	3	4
Twyford	66	28
Wargrave	37	1
Winnersh	15	50
Wokingham Without	172	40
Woodley	458	159
	993	348
	1961 Total: 1,045.	1961 Total: 361.

HOUSING INSPECTIONS.

Total number of dwelling houses inspected for defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 209

SLUM CLEARANCE PROGRAMME.

The following shows the action taken during the year in connection with the above programme:—

(1) No. of houses demolished not in Clearance Areas as a result of formal procedure under Section 17 (1) Housing Act, 1957 17
No. of persons displaced 30
No. of families 13

(2) No. of unfit houses closed under Sections 16 (4), 17 (1) and 35 (1) Housing Act, 1957 7
No. of persons displaced 10
No. of families 6

(3) No. of unfit houses and houses in which defects were remedied:—
After informal notice by Local Authority 9
After formal notice under:—
Section 24 Housing Act, 1957 5

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

There is little change in the number of moveable dwellings licensed in the Rural District compared with the position in 1961.

Three sites have running down permission, namely that at Sunnyside, Church Lane, Three Mile Cross, Shinfield, with 32 vans, Church Lane Poultry Farm, Shinfield, with 18 vans, and Loddon Stud, Winnersh, with 17 vans. Action under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1962 was taken against the owner of Sunnyside Caravan Site for a breach of the running down conditions and the owner was fined £140.

Site works for 27 caravans are in hand at the Council owned site at Winnersh, and it is expected that this site will be available in the New Year. Consideration is being given to the provision of amenities up to the model standards at the Council owned site at California-in-England, Finchampstead, which has planning consent for 80 caravans but is at present accommodating 30 vans with minimum sanitary facilties.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

FOOD HGYGIENE.

The number of complaints regarding unsound food, foreign bodies in foodstuffs and dirty milk bottles continued to increase during the year. Successful prosecutions were obtained but the answer to the unsatisfactory milk bottles still remains to be solved, in spite of strenuous efforts by the trade.

As was mentioned in my previous report, the Quick Frozen Food trade has increased and a Code of Handling is now being distributed to all retailers. Too much emphasis cannot be given to the constant supervision, with regular notation of stocks, of all these food cabinets. The most common failings are overloading, placing of new stock over old, absence of temperature control, and irregular defrosting and cleansing.

ICE-CREAM.

No. of applications for Registration of premises under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 for the Sale of Ice Cream 5

UNSOUND FOOD.

110 lbs. Cod Fillets.
50 lbs. Bacon (English).
8 lbs. Bacon (Danish).
20 lbs. Beef (English — Top Rump).
8 lbs. Ox Liver.
9 lbs. Lambs Livers (New Zealand).
12 lbs. Calf Kidneys (New Zealand).
1 lb. Frozen Crab.
2 — 14 lb. Tins of Cooked Gammon (English).

2 — 15 lb. Tins of Cooked Gammon (English).
2 — 4 lb. Tins of Pressed Ham (Yugoslavia).
1 — 4lb. Tin of Chopped Pork (Yugoslavia).
2 — 2 lb. Tins of Peeled Tomatoes.

Also condemned was a quantity of various frozen foodstuffs which became unwholesome due to an electrical breakdown.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948
Section 50.

One burial was undertaken during the year under the above Act.

PEST CONTROL.

No. of Complaints received	522
No. of inspections carried out	3,284
No. of properties found infested with:—	
Rats	855
Mice	58
Foxes	4
Squirrels	2
Bees	16
Moles	20
Wasps	28
Flies	13
Bats	4
Snakes	2
Ants	7
Fleas	3
Mosquitoes	1
Other Pests	17
No. of infested properties treated by the occupiers under supervision:—	
Moles	20
Wasps	9
Rabbits	2
Bats	4
Badgers	1
Other pests	18
No. of infested properties treated by Local Authority including treatments from previous year:—	
Mice	58
Rats	851
Wasps	19
Flies	12
Other Pests	28
No. of complaints transferred to Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food for action:—	
Foxes	4
No. of re-inspections carried out	1,360

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ADMINISTRATION OF FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959.

1. INSPECTIONS MADE BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Number of Written Notices (4)	Number of Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	4	2	–	–
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	105	81	–	–
(iii) Other premises under the Act (excluding outworkers' premises) ...	–	–	–	–
TOTAL	109	83	–	–

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars (1)	No. of Cases in which Defects were found: Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Insp'tr. (4)	Referred By H.M. Insp'tr. (5)	Number of Cases in which Prosecutions were instituted (6)
Sanitary Conveniences Unsuitable or Defective	8	8	–	–	–
TOTAL	8	8	–	–	–

Wokingham Rural District

PART VIII of the ACT.

OUTWORK (Sections 133 and 134).

Nature of Work.	Section 133			Section 134		
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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel: Making, etc.	34	–	–	–	–	–
Furniture and upholstery	1	–	–	–	–	–
TOTAL	35	–	–	–	–	–

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